

Testimony for Maryland House of Delegates
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In Favor of HB0969: Death Certificates - Cause or Manner of Death Determinations - Requirements After Change or Correction.

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Dear Delegate Representatives:

Remember Dr. David Fowler?

Please help end the impact of his biased work here in Maryland by voting to **pass HB0969 in its entirety.**

As an advocate for a homicide victim, Eddie, whose death certificate still lists the manner of death as suicide, whose homicide was never properly investigated, not by the Anne Arundel County police, not by the Maryland Medical Examiners Office, and not by the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's office, I fully understand the truth behind the necessity for HB0969, The Katherine Morris Death Reclassification Act.

The state has a long way to go before it can claim its justice is blind and unbiased, and HB0969 is a step in the right direction.

Thank you in advance for passing this important piece of legislation, HB0969 will have the impact of a **human rights bill.**

Sincerely,
Kristine Lockwood